development, setting up of training facilities for small scale entrepreneurs, conducting studies, holding seminars and generally extending assistance through the State Nodal agencies.

For development and setting up of food processing industries in Eastern States, Ministry has extended assistance for setting up of Food Processing & Training Centres, creating infrastructure for mushroom production and processing, fish processing, fruits and vegetable processing, various studies seminars and strengthening of the Nodal Agencies.

[Translation]

Central Electronics Limited

*290. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL :

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the orders procured by the public sector undertaking Central Electronics Limited (CEL) till date during the last three years for the supply of solar energy plants abroad;

(b) the value of orders received from various countries;

(c) the progress made till date in this regard;

(d) the year-wise details of the foreign exchange earned countrywise;

(e) whether some other undertaking under the control of the Ministry have also procured orders from abroad during the said period;

(f) if so, the country-wise and undertaking-wise details of the orders procured alongwith the year-wise/country-wise details of the foreign exchange earned by India in this regard; and

(g) the country-wise details of the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Central Electronics Limited (CEL) has concluded a contract on October 8, 1995 with the Syrian Scientific Research Council (SSRC) of Syria for the setting up - by SSRC with CEL technology - of a plant to manufacture solar Photovoltaic Modules/Panels and to design, engineer and manufacture 5 types of SPV Energy Systems for rural applications in Syria.

(b) to (d). The total value of orders received by CEL from various countries till date during the last three years is US$ 1,33,285. In addition, CEL has procured orders valued at Rs. 263 lakhs under the ITEC programme of the Ministry of External Affairs for supply of SPV systems and components to various countries. The orders relate to SPV systems for domestic and street lighting, refrigerators, solar charging modules, solar lantern, solar cells and foldable chargers and were received from countries, such as Cuba, Bhutan, Mali, Oman, Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Syria and USA. The total foreign exchange earned by CEL till date during the last three years is US $ 1,33,285.

(e) The National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) is the only other undertaking associated with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research which has procured orders from abroad during the last 3 years.

(f) and (g). The orders received by NRDC from various countries over the last three years, relate to plants for producing synthetic and Natural Dyes, Rice Husk Particle Boards, Cell Type Air Washer (CTAW) Humidification Systems and Instruments developed by Ahmedabad Textile Industry's Research Association (ATIRA). The countries involved were: Vietnam, Malaysia and Philippines. In addition, NRDC has secured contracts for preparing Feasibility Reports on: Mini Cement Plants in Indonesia, Fruit Processing Plants in Nigeria, an Industrial Park in Gabon and a major contract for preparing a Feasibility Report and Action Plan for setting up 4 Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Parks (STEPs) in Egypt based on Indian Technologies. The total foreign exchange earned by NRDC till date during the last three years is Rs. 218 lakhs. The Feasibility Report indicated above will lead to several industrial plants based on Indian technologies. The Report on the 4 STEPs in Egypt, for example, is expected to result in around 80 industrial plants to be set up in that country based on Indian technologies at a cost of around Rs. 12 crores over the next 3 years. Most of that amount would constitute foreign exchange earnings.

Terrorism in J and K

*291. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum requesting that security forces should be given more powers to curb terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) the final decision taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). From time to time representations and demands have been received, particularly with reference to Doda district in Jammu and Kashmir, that more powers should be given to the Security Forces to deal with the terrorist violence in the State and to declare the district as a 'disturbed area.'

The Government both at the State and the Central levels have continuously tried to ensure maximum effectiveness of the deployment and operations of the Security Forces in anti-terrorist operations in Jammu and Kashmir, including the Doda district. As a result, there has been a perceptible qualitative change and improvement in the overall security situation and incidence of violence, although the terrorists have been able to perpetrate random attacks against soft targets and innocent civilians.

Several measures have been taken to contain the possibility of such incidents, including augmentation of security force deployment in vulnerable areas, intensive patrolling and operations for flushing our terrorists, strengthening and increased involvement of the local Police in anti-terrorist operations, including enlistment of ex-servicemen coys. For the purpose, setting up of over 200 Village Defence Committees in far flung and vulnerable areas, etc. Efforts in all these directions will continue to be intensively pursued.

As regards the declaration of Doda district as a 'disturbed area', after careful consideration the Government is of the view that such a measure is not called for at this juncture.

[English]

Production from Bombay High

*292. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will be PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons has suggested that production from Bombay High be cut by 30 per cent over three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Monitoring of MPLADS

*293. SHRI SANAT MEHTA :
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the centre is coordinating/monitoring the implementation of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) and the projects thereunder;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the respective State Governments or local authorities are also being involved in the implementation of the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount allocated under the scheme so far year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Department of Programme Implementation, Government of India has the nodal responsibility for this scheme at the Centre. The Department obtains the Progress Reports periodically from the District Collectors.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) is to be implemented through the District Collector at the District-level directly. The District Collector has to get the works under MPLADS implemented through the Government agencies in the District including the local authorities. Besides this, under para 3.5 of the Guidelines of MPLADS the respective State Planning Departments have to issue general instructions to all the planning and implementing agencies at the district level to co-operate, assist and implement the works referred to them under this Scheme by the District Collectors.

(e) The amount allocated under the MPLAD Scheme during the last 3 years in as under :

Year	Amount Allocated (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	3780
1994-95	77100
1995-96	76400
Total	.157280

Ocean Development

*294. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of Ocean Development Schemes under operation at present; and

(b) the details of achievements made under these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) There are eight major programmes operational at present in the Department of Ocean Development and details of these programmes are :

1. **Antarctic Research :**

Annual Scientific expeditions to Antarctica to conduct research in various fields like Meteorology,